

Written Testimony in regards to H.B. No. 5362

Sirs,

I have been a real estate broker in CT for over 30 years. I also teach Continuing Education classes which are required every two years for real estate license renewals.

As an instructor, I now must send course applications including outlines and handouts, to each real estate school that offers my classes, regardless if the class has recently been approved by another school. Once the schools are in receipt of my classes, each school then sends my identical application package to the Connecticut Real Estate Commission for approval. In order to teach the same courses throughout CT, I must submit my application to numerous schools across the State. This process is a duplication of time and effort for instructors, real estate schools as well as the Real Estate Commission itself. It has also led to some inconsistencies for approvals.

To site an example, several years ago over the period of several months I submitted the same class for approval to the Eastern CT Association of Realtors, the Greater New Haven Association of Realtors and the Greater Hartford Association of Realtors. The course was approved by the Real Estate Commission for two of the schools but not the third.

Since the current method of approval offers no benefit to the real estate consumer, a change would have no negative effect. By creating a state-wide approval process, this bill is a simple solution to the current inefficient method of approving classes for Real Estate Continuing Education.

Respectfully,

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